License — sweet toddy tapping — Exemption from.

23. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of licenses issued for tapping sweet toddy in Chittur for the last five years;

(2) the number of applicants who have been refused the license in the last two years;

(3) the number of defaulters of kists temporarily among the contractors of toddy shops;

(4) whether there had been any remission in the last three years and if so what amounts;

(5) whether they would now consider the exempting of sweet toddy tappers from taking out a license?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(1)

Year	Original licenses	Supplemental licenses
1106	392	8
1107	382	1
1108	292	,,
1109	329	,,
1110	385	,,

(2)

Year	No. of applications refused
1109	3
1110	9

(3) Since the year in respect of which the information required is not specified, information relating to 3 years is given below:—

1109	3	in the Chittur Taluk.
1110	7	do.
1111	3	(up-to-date) do.

(4) Remission to the extent of Rs. 862—1—4 was granted to certain toddy shop licensees of Chittur Taluk for 1109.

All toddy licensees of 1110 with the exception of those who defaulted payment of kists have been granted ½ a month's kist each. The total amount thus granted was Rs. 813—2—0.

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(5) There is no proposal at present to exempt sweet toddy tappers from taking out licenses.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Do the Government note that it is very difficult for the tappers to take out licenses for tapping sweet toddy?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think there is any difficulty to take licenses.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With regard to subdivision (2), may I know, Sir, why these applications were refused?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is because those people were found to have violated the rules on previous occasions.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.— Has anybody been refused licenses because of their youth?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— If he is a boy he is not given a license. If he is a young man he can have the license.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.— May I know, Sir, what is the objection in tapping without license inasmuch as we were not insisting on a license some time ago?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The difficulty of un-licensed free tapping is that a good deal of illicit tapping will be done and the department will have no control over them.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Is there not a preventive force?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Yes, but there must be some materials, some data, for the purpose of getting at them.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.— The fact that they have no licenses is itself a data.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. If the applicants take previous sanction they are likely to observe the rules and the delinquents can be easily brought to book.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Is the system of free tapping prevalent in British India?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— This is a question of sweet toddy. Where is the question of rules here?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is the Excise Manual. There are rules framed under the Excise Manual and when

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certain people violate those rules they are not allowed licenses when they apply again for tapping sweet toddy.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How can they violate the rules for example?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A person, granted license for sweet toddy, may tap for fermented toddy.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—About the remissions, may I know why this discrimination is made since defaulting is generally due to inability in these days mostly?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not an invidious distinction. It is rather the other way. Government do not want to put a premium on defaulters.

Disabled beggars in the State—Committee to go into the question—Appointment of.

24. Mrs. Meenakshi N. Menon.—With reference to resolution 6 (IV C. L. C., Vol. 2, Part 5, Friday 13th December 1935), "Disabled beggars of the State and their proper care", the Diwan-President said that he has no objection to appoint a committee to go into the question.

Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed any committee to go into the question of the disabled beggars of the State?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Nadamel Panchayat—Particulars regarding the working of.

25. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of the members of the Nadamel Panchayat; when was the existing Panchayat formed;

(b) 1. how many meetings had the existing Panchayat ever since its formation (dates may be given);

2. what work did they discharge at each of the meetings;

3. has the Panchayat submitted budget in 1111; if so, when;

4. which is the last date for submission of budgets by Panchayats?

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